

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD  
JANUARY 14, 2014 MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dennis Strong  
Vincent A. Newberg  
Gregory L. Allen  
Pete Hackford  
Craig Humphreys  
Eric Miller  
Jason Poulsen  
Robert B. Stoker  
Attorney Kevin Bolander

Board Chair  
Board Vice Chair  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Board Member  
Assistant Attorney General

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Rick M. Bailey  
Brian Cottam

Board Member  
Board Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Coy Porter  
Ted Black  
Mark Burton  
Richard Gee  
Monica Joffs  
Deanne Mousley  
Kim Passey  
Stan Robins  
Kelly Snow

State Fire Marshal  
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal  
State Fire Marshal Office  
State Fire Marshal Office  
State Fire Marshal – Board Secretary  
State Fire Marshal Office  
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**PRESENT**

Many members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting, recording and all other related paperwork.

**Item #1** on the agenda, Board meeting called to order by Fire Prevention Board Chairman Dennis Strong. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

**Item #2** on the agenda was the approval of the November 12, 2013 Fire Prevention Board meeting minutes. Motion was made by Board Member Vincent Newberg to approve the minutes

as written, motion seconded by Board Member Robert Stoker, motion carried unanimously with the Chairman abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

**Item #3** on the agenda was announcement that the new State Forester, Brian Cottam has been appointed to replace Dick Buehler. The State Forester is a standing position on the Board. Mr. Cottam has asked to be excused from today's meeting. He was excused.

**Item #4** on the agenda was presentation to the Board by Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Ted Black, concerning the Boards direction, in the January 9, 2013, Board meeting, to reevaluate the Board Positions of Board Chair, and Vice Chair in the January 2014 Board meeting. He recommends at this time to wait until the changes on the Board are complete before revisiting the issue of Board Chair and Vice Chair elections. Board Vice Chair Newberg made a motion to delay voting on the Board Chair and Vice Chair positions for one to two meetings, until the current changes to the Board Members is complete. Motion was seconded by Board Member Eric Miller, motion carried unanimously.

**Item #5** on the agenda was election of new Board Chair and Board Vice Chair if desired by the Board. However, this agenda item was rendered moot due to the decision of the Board to wait until the rest of the appointed Board Members were present to vote on this issue.

**Item #6** on the agenda was a report to the Board by State Fire Marshal Coy Porter concerning the status of the new appointees to the Board representing the State Firemen's Association, Citizen at Large and a licensed architect. State Fire Marshal Porter said the State Fireman's Association has submitted three names to the Governor's office for approval/appointment to the Board. The AIA (Architectural Association) has submitted names as well. The names are all in the queue waiting for the next time the Governor sits down with staff to decide the appointments.

**Item #7** on the agenda was a report to the Board by State Fire Marshal Coy D. Porter, concerning an upcoming expenditure of \$49,100.00 by the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy for the delivery of two L381 NWCG courses which are currently only offered by private contractors who are authorized to do such classes. This meets the requirement that UFRA has to report any expenditure over \$25,000. The money is paid out up front by UFRA but then repaid by the students. Board Member Hackford asked what would happen to any excess collected funds. Marshal Porter stated that it is designed to be a 'break even' program with a limited number of students so that the expenditure and reimbursement will zero out and no excess funds will be collected. This was informational reporting to the Board only and no action required on this agenda item. Board Vice Chair Newberg asked how a citizen could find out what courses were offered and what they covered. Marshal Porter referred him to UFRA's website under the training tab current courses are detailed.

**Item #8** on the agenda was a report to the Board by State Fire Marshal Coy D. Porter, concerning pending legislation and the 2014 legislative session. State Fire Marshal Porter reviewed the following Bills (several have not yet been numbered as the language of the bill is still being finalized):

Pre-filed Bills for the 2014 Legislative Session:

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor
Not	School AED Device Funding Revisions	Rep. Rich Cunningham (South Jordan)
Not	Amendment to Automatic External Defibrillator Restricted Account	Sen. Scott Jenkins (Plain City)

State Fire Marshal Porter stated that this would increase the funding to the original appropriation of \$300,000 for AED's to be available by grants to all schools K-12 as well as law enforcement vehicles that deal with schools.

Not	State Building Code Amendments	Sen. Todd Weiler (Woods Cross)
Not	State Construction Code Revision	Rep. Eric Hutchings (Kearns)
SB 21	State Construction Code Amendments	Sen. Margaret Dayton (Orem)
Not	Construction and Fire Code Amendments	Rep. Michael Noel (Kanab)

Marshal Porter stated that these four amendments and revisions are dealing with the the Building, Construction and Fire Codes. SB 21 deals with buildings that will deal with the sale, harvest and marketing of fruits and vegetables (basically roadside produce stands). This bill would exempt this kind of structure from needing a building permit. The concern with that bill is that the language be narrow enough that someone is not building huge barns or other structures that would house tractors, etc. without a building permit. The other bills do not have language yet at this time. The State Fire Marshal's office is watching the bill proposed by Rep. Noel as the bill that he ran last year was to allow counties of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class and allow their county commissioners to make rulings to modify the code based on the code and whether they felt it was appropriate to their community. The Marshal stated that the purpose to having a statewide fire and building code was to insure the understanding of the requirements for contractors throughout the state.

Not	Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Schools	Sen. Jim Dabakis (Salt Lake City)
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State Fire Marshal Porter reviewed the issue of Carbon Monoxide Detectors in schools which was precipitated by a fairly significant event in Montezuma Creek where 44 students and faculty became ill due to carbon monoxide exposure at that school. This came from an exhaust pipe that had become disconnected from one of their two main water heating units. The hope is that schools don't just go to the local hardware store and buy a home use carbon monoxide detector and call it 'good'. The detectors need to be placed in mechanical spaces and monitored by some system. Hopefully, these will be commercial detectors that will be able to be monitored in some fashion and that the bill will attach funding in order to be able to do this.

HB 245	State Fire Code Amendments	Rep. Jim Dunnigan (Taylorsville)
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State Fire Marshal Porter stated that this bill will deal with expansion of camping facilities for girls that will be built with non-combustible materials that would have bunk beds in them but they were of such a size that they would be required by the code to have a sprinkler system. The exception to the rule would be written as follows:

(9) IFC, Chapter 9, Section 903.2.8 Group R, is amended to add a third exception as follows:  
“Exception: Group R-1 occupancies with fire areas not more than 2,000 square feet, containing no installed plumbing or heating, where no cooking occurs, and constructed of Type I-A, I-B, II-A or II-B construction.

Marshal Porter stated that the Fire Marshal’s Office had also been approached by Salt Lake County to add some additional language to this bill to deal with governance issue. There are several townships around the county where they have chosen not to incorporate into cities and prefer to have governance by Salt Lake County. In regard to fire restrictions, the language has been introduced that cities can have the authority to restrict areas for fireworks and the county is requesting language be added to give the governing board of Salt Lake County, or counties of the first class (as they do not have a permanent fire warden) permission to restrict fireworks in the unincorporated parts of the county.

HB 20 Emergency Vehicle Operator  
Duty-of-Care revisions

Rep. Brad Dee (Ogden)

This bill deals with law enforcement pursuit and related issues and provides that the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle owes no duty of care to a person who is:

- . a suspect in the commission of a crime and evading, fleeing, or otherwise attempting to elude the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle; or
- . in a motor vehicle with the suspect, unless that person can prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person's presence in the motor vehicle was involuntary;
- . provides that an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle may be held liable for a fleeing suspect's injuries in certain circumstances; and makes technical corrections.

State Fire Marshal Porter stated that there were some other bills on Retirement and some other things with paramedics and that his office would be keeping an eye on those as well as any further fire protection and service related bills that may be written further along in the session, which begins on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Item #9** on the agenda was Old Business. Presentation to the Board from Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Ted Black concerning the status/readiness for approval of NFPA 472, 2013 edition and NFPA 1403, 2012 edition not be considered until at least the January meeting of the Board. Deputy Black stated that this item has been on the agenda for three consecutive meetings and as it is still in process, rather than revisit this each meeting, that the agenda item be dropped until such time as the item is complete.

**Item #10** on the agenda was New Business. There was no new business at this time.

**Item #11** on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting will be on March 11, 2014 at the South Salt Lake City Hall Council Chambers starting at 8:30 A.M. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Board Member Vincent Newberg, motion was seconded by Board Member Eric Miller, the meeting was adjourned.